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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 15-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1

lines 1-11, there is no clear antecedent basis for "said multiplicity of data ", "multiplicity of data" should be changed to -- multiplicity of image lines --;

line 12, "data" should be changed to "image data";

lines 21-22, "said multiplicity of data" should be changed to --multiplicity of image lines --. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. New corrected drawing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the Drawing filed 29m March 2000 is informal drawing . Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Washino (5999220) in view of Hinson et al (5808628) .

Regarding claims 1 and 13, Washino teaches an editing system for storing a input moving image in a first format at a corresponding rate , producing an edited images for outputting at a second format at a corresponding rate (Figs 3 and 5, column 9, lines 15-45, column 10, lines 45-65), the editing system comprises :

a storage means for storing images of frames (414,412) (column 9, lines 60-68, column 10, lines 35-43)

an input circuit for receiving from a source data the Image data of plurality of formats , each format defined by a first frame rate and a first multiplicity of mage lines (column 10, lines 20-40); and

an output circuit for outputting edited data representing an edited sequence of image frames at a second frame rate, the data being output at an output data rate and representing each frame in the edited sequence as a second multiplicity of image lines which together form the image frame (column 10, lines 25-33).

Washino fails to teach a random storage means for storing captured images of frames of a first frame format .

Hinson teaches editing apparatus utilizes a random storage means (11) for storing the input images of a first frame rate of a first format before editing the images (Abstract column 8, lines 40-45.)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Washino with Hinson by using a random storage means as taught by Hinson with the apparatus of Washino for storing the input images of a first frame rate thereby enhancing the capacity of the apparatus of Washino in controlling and selecting the image of first frame rate to be edited to form the image of second format.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-12 and 32-36 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 26 September 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that "in contrast, the claimed invention of claims 1 and 13 provides for storage of inputs from multiple different acceptable input formats each in its own native format. In other words, all input format video data are stored in native format (frame rate and image size and without compression). In response, it is noted that applicant's arguments are not recited in claim 13.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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